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FOLLOWING REPEAT KUWAIT 07289 ACTION SECSTATE TEHRAN INFO ABU DHABI

AMMAN BEIRUT BAGHDAD CAIRO DAMASCUS DOHA JIDDA MANAMA MUSCAAT LONDON

PARIS TEL AVIV COMIDEASTFOR USCINCEUR DEC 31.

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DEPARTMENT PASS PRESIDENT'S PARTY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN FOR THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, KU

SUBJECT: AMIR OF KUWAIT DIES; CROWN PRINCE BECOMES AMIR

1. AMIR OF KUWAIT, SHAYKH SABAH AL-SALIM AL-SABAH, DIED OF
HEART ATTACK ABOUT 0200 LOCAL TIME DEC. 31, 1977 ACCORDING
TO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE HERE AT 0600. HE HAS BEEN
SUCCEEDED BY CROWN PRINCE SHAYKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER
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AL-SABAH.

2. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN A
PEACEFUL SUCCESSION. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS
ORDERED FORTY DAYS OF MOURNING, FIRST THREE DAYS OF
WHICH WILL BE OBSERVED BY CLOSURE OF ALL KUWAIT GOVERNMENT
OFFICES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

3. BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12:00 NOON KUWAIT TIME
DEC. 31 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISLAMIC CUSTOM WHICH DICTATES
PROMPT BURIAL. NEW AMIR AND FAMILY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE
CONDOLENCES IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AND ON MORNINGS OF
NEXT TWO DAYS.

4. LATE AMIR HAD RULED KUWAIT FOR 12 YEARS, ALTHOUGH IN
LAST FEW YEARS, PRESENT AMIR HAD ACTIVELY LED GOVERNMENT.
WE WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT NO CHANGE IN GOK POLICY OR
PRACTICE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT SEND
MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO AMIR, SHAYKH JABER AL-AHMAD
AL-JABER AL-SABAH. AMBASSADOR WILL JOIN DIPLOMATIC CORPS
IN PRESENTING CONDOLENCES TO THE NEW AMIR TOMORROW, JAN. 1
AT 0830 HOURS LOCAL. REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT'S
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE BE PROVIDED BY COB DEC. 31 SO THAT IT
COULD BE PRESENTED PERSONALLY BY AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING
MORNING.
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